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The Honorable Vernon S. Broderick
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APPLICATION GRANTED
SO ORDERED 
VERNON S. BRODERICK
U.S.D.J. 11/13/2020

Re: United States v. Confesor, 20-CR-00059-VSB

Dear Judge Broderick:

I am appointed counsel under the Criminal Justice Act for Mr. Minaya-Rodriguez in the case referenced above and respectfully submit this letter on his behalf to request that his passport be returned to him, temporarily, while Mr. Minaya-Rodriguez applies to renew his conditional residency permit, and that he will promptly surrender his passport to Pretrial Services once that process is complete. Mr. Minaya-Rodriguez's conditional residency permit expired in August 2020 and he has informed the undersigned counsel that he requires physical possession of his passport in order to renew his conditional lawful permanent resident status. Mr. Minaya-Rodriguez has proactively engaged in an effort to secure employment while awaiting trial, but has struggled to do so, recently in large part due to the expiration of his work and residency permit. I understand from Mr. Minaya-Rodriguez that he has been interviewing for a position as recently as last week and hopes that with the extension of his residency, he will be able to secure gainful employment.

We have conferred with AUSA Juliana Murray and she has consented to this request that Mr. Minaya-Rodriguez be provided access to his passport solely for the purpose of renewing his residency status and that upon completion of that task, he will surrender the passport to Pretrial Services. We have also contacted Supervising Officer Jonathan Lettieri regarding this request and I am informed that Pretrial Services requires a court order before returning Mr. Minaya-Rodriguez's passport temporarily.

Thank you for the Court's attention and consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Victor L. Hou

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cc: Juliana Murray, Esq., AUSA
Jonathan Lettieri, Supervising Officer, PTS